

of obtaining permits to sell liquors, wines and beer in certain cases.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 183:

Strike out the words "four hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "two hundred and fifty."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 183 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

## THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 5th, Wadsworth and Williams.

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A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McCreary introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 20:

Whereas, Hon. D. G. Purse, President of the Savannah Board of Trade, did, about April 27, present to each member of this body a copy of his very valuable work on "The Cultivation of Sugar Cane," therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are due, and are hereby tendered Mr. Purse for the copies of his book.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate our thanks to Mr. Purse.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the resolution.  
Which was agreed to.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Palmer of 14th:

Senate Bill No. 211:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the city of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 211 be passed to second reading, without reference to a committee.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 211 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote; and Senate Bill No. 211 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 211 be placed on Calendar of bills on third reading, without engrossing.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 211 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

By Mr. Baker:

Senate Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the collection of poll taxes.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 213:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage, approved May 29, 1897, being Chapter 4645 of the Laws of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Whidden:  
Senate Bill No. 214:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Arcadia, in the county of DeSoto, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the city of Arcadia, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Redistricting the State of Florida into Congressional Districts, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Redistricting the State of Florida into Congressional Districts, to whom was referred—  
House Bills Nos. 20, 32, 200 and 14, and Senate Bills Nos. 125 and 148:

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and considered same, and herewith submit a substitute bill in lieu of the bills above mentioned and referred to this Committee, and recommend that the said substitute do pass.

Very respectfully,  
FRANK ADAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.  
On part of the Senate.

And Senate Bills Nos. 125 and 148, contained in the above report, together with the proposed substitute, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for

a survey of the Upper Manatee River, in Manatee county, Florida, from Rye, Florida, to Ellenton, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2604 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to bigamy.

Also,

A resolution memorializing Congress in regard to the further improvement of the Chattahoochee, Flint and Apalachicola Rivers and Apalachicola Bay.

Have examined the same and found them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. N. PEACOCK,  
Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 157:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish scholarships in the State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs, and to make appropriations therefor.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 196:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 4678 of the Laws of Florida, the same being entitled an act to provide for the division of counties into school districts and for the election, bi-ennially, of three school trustees, and to prescribe their duties and powers, and for levying, collecting and disbursing district school taxes.

Beg leave to return the same with the recommendation that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,  
C. A. CARSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 157 and 196, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the certification of teachers, to prescribe requirements for the various grades of certificates, and to provide for the relief of aged teachers.

Beg leave to return the same with a recommendation that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 179, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for a survey of the Upper Manatee River, in Manatee county, Florida, from Rye, Florida, to Ellenton, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2604 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to bigamy.

Also,

A resolution memorializing Congress in regard to the further improvement of the Chattahoochee, Flint and Apalachicola Rivers and Apalachicola Bay.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 206:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4032, Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled "an act in relation to obtaining money or any other personal property under false promises, or for violation of contracts, and providing penalties therefor," approved June 8, 1891.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 206, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 187:

A bill to be entitled an act prohibiting certain unnatural practices and prescribing a penalty therefor.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying substitute therefor.

Very respectfully,

O. C. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 187, contained in the above report, together with the substitute therefor, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—  
Senate Bill No. 105:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Sarah F. F. Van-Wagenen, as trustee for herself, Annabelle Robertson, Fannie E. Lanier, Electra Falligant, Kate F. Kruson, Harry S. Dreese, John W. Burrows and Georgia M. Cleland.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. FABIAN LAW,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 105, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Law, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of J. H. Williams for services as stenographer in the Circuit Court of Duval County, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. C. Hargrove, former tax collector of Putnam county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 197:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John D. Tucker for services as stenographer in Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. FABIAN LAW,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 180, 205 and 197, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for a survey of the Upper Manatee River, in Manatee county, Florida, from Rye, Florida, to Ellenton, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2604 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to bigamy.

Also,

A resolution memorializing Congress in regard to the further improvement of the Chattahoochee, Flint and Apalachicola Rivers and Apalachicola Bay.

Beg to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee & Gulf Coast Railway.

Have examined the same and found it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.



The act contained in the above report, was ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 48 and 67 of Chapter 4322 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895, as amended by Chapter 4515 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1897.

Beg to report that they have considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 200, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 195:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 12, Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenues, approved June 1, 1895.

Beg to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. B. ROGERS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 195, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee & Gulf Coast Railway.

Have examined the same and found it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains by the several counties of the State of Florida, and to provide for the assessments of the costs thereof against the property benefitted thereby, and further to provide for the collection and enforcement of such assessments, and to legalize all contracts for drains which heretofore may have been entered into, and assessments made therefor, made by the County Commissioners of any county in the State of Florida, under Chapter 4807 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act to revive, continue and extend the charter of the Ladies' Village Improvement Association, of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled "an act to authorize the

County of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and draw bridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Large, approved May 25, 1895, being Chapter 4443 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

A Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation to the Florida Agricultural College, and appropriating money for the equipping of such gymnasium.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors and wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. N. PEACOCK,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee & Gulf Coast Railway.

Beg leave to report that the same has been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. N. PEACOCK,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. O'Brien, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate Memorial No. 185:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking an

appropriation for removing shoals from the channel of Suwannee River, up to the town of Ellaville, in Madison county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 188:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the owners of water-logged or sunken logs in the waters of the Suwannee River to remove the same, and providing a penalty for failure thereof.

Also,

Have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

House Bill No. 96:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the examination and licensing of pilots by Pilot Commissioners.

Have carefully examined the same, and report it without recommendations.

Very respectfully,

J. ED O'BRIEN,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Memorial No. 185 and Senate Bill No. 188 and House Bill No. 96, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee & Gulf Coast Railway.

Beg to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Crews, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Temperance, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 203:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the arrangement of the entrances and interior of saloons and other places where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are sold and dispensed.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. B. CREWS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 203, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Williams, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2588, Revised Statutes of Florida, in regard to voluntary escape by an officer.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, approved June 3, 1899, an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of Volunteer Militia for service as a land force and enforce discipline thereof.

Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 137 and 172, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the Governor.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 12, now on table, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And,

Senate Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the manufacture and sale of food products.

Was taken up, having previously been read a second time.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 12:

Amend Section 3 by adding thereto the following:

"(e) When the alleged adulterated article does not in fact injure the purchaser."

Mr. Rogers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 12:

Amend Section 8 by adding thereto the following:

"Whenever it shall appear from the proof under a special plea that the purchaser inquired as to the nature of the article bought and was injuriously misled by the plaintiff."

Mr. Rogers moved the adoption of the amendment.

The vote was:

The yeas and nays were demanded on the motion to adopt.

Upon call of the roll—

Yeas—Messrs Adams, Blitch, Carson, Cottrell, Denham, Kirk, Law, McCreary, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden and Wadsworth—15.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Broome, Butler, Crews, Crill, Harris, Myers, McCaskill, MacWilliams, Palmer of 14th, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Williams—14.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 12:

Strike out all of Section 4 after the word "aforesaid" in line 12 of printed bill.

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 12, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

### SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate Bill No. 184:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and regulate the holding of primary elections.

Was taken up, the hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the time set for the consideration of same.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bill No. 184 be laid on table, subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch called up from the table—

Senate Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a penalty for selling liquors; and to prescribe rules of evidence in such cases, and to provide a penalty for selling liquors without first paying the license required by law in counties voting for the sale of liquors; and to prescribe rules of evidence in such cases, and to prescribe forms of indictments and informations in such cases.

Which had previously been read a second time.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bill No. 154 be laid on table, subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

State of Florida, Executive Department,  
Tallahassee, May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following act, which originated in your honorable body, and have this day caused the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

“An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to prescribe the powers of the Boards of Commissioners of Pilotage and Port Wardens in and for the ports of this State, approved June 12, 1891, being Chapter 4046 of the Laws of Florida.”

Very respectfully,

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor.

## BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning fire insurance policies.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 163 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for a cruise for instruction and for the transportation of the Naval

Militia of the State of Florida for the years 1901 and 1902, and to provide for the other expenses necessary for the proper equipment, instruction and maintenance of the Florida Naval Militia.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 15 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 80:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for an encampment of the Florida State Troops during the years 1901 and 1902, and for the transportation of the State Troops to and from the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 80 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the kidnapping of children with intent to extort money from the parents, guardian or persons having the custody of such child and to affix a penalty for violation thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien moved that House Bill No. 147 be informally passed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 191:

A Joint Resolution to authorize the State Board of Health of Florida to negotiate with the United States Government to operate the quarantine station under certain conditions.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 191:

Insert the words "a Joint Resolution to" at the beginning of the title.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 191 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Redistricting the State into Congressional Districts, called up and had read the report of the said Joint Committee on Senate Bills Nos. 125 and 148, together with the substitute bill therefor with the following title:

Senate Bill No. 215:

A bill to be entitled an act creating three Congressional Districts in the State of Florida, and defining the boundaries of



same, and repealing Sections 57 and 58 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 215, together with original Senate Bills Nos. 125 and 148, be placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading, and that 200 copies of same be printed.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And it was so ordered.

By permission—

Mr. Palmer of 14th presented a minority report of the Joint Committee on Redistricting the State, together with a substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 125 and 148, as follows:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 2, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—The undersigned, constituting a minority of the members of the Joint Committee on Redistricting the State of Florida, into Congressional Districts, to whom were referred House Bill No. 14, entitled—

A bill to be entitled an act to divide the State of Florida into three Congressional Districts in accordance with an act of Congress, approved the — day of —, A. D. 19—.

And

House Bill No. 200:

A bill to be entitled an act to re-apportion the Congressional Districts of the State of Florida.

And

House Bill No. 20:

And

House Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to reapportion the State of Florida into Congressional Districts.

And

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the apportionment and redistricting of the State of Florida into three Congressional Districts.

And

Senate Bill No. 125:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the apportionment and redistricting of the State of Florida into three Congressional Districts.

Respectfully beg to report that Said Joint Committee have carefully considered the said four bills, and the undersigned

herewith submit a substitute for said House Bills Nos. 14 and 32 and 200, and Senate Bills Nos. 125 and 148, and respectfully recommend that the substitute do pass; and they also recommend that said House Bill No. 20 do not pass.

The undersigned respectfully submit that the Act of Congress entitled "An act making an apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States under the twelfth census," approved January 16th, 1901, provides "That in each State entitled under this apportionment, the number to which such State may be entitled in the Fifty-eighth and each subsequent Congress shall be elected by Districts composed of contiguous and compact territory, and containing as nearly as practicable an equal number of inhabitants."

They also submit and urge that it is the duty of the Legislature of the State of Florida to comply with the said provisions of the said Act of Congress, and that to violate the plain, direct and positive provision of said Act by creating Districts not "composed of contiguous and compact territory" or not "containing as nearly as practicable an equal number of inhabitants," will ruthlessly endanger and risk, for no good reason or purpose, the entire representation of the State of Florida in the House of Representatives of the United States.

An examination of said bills develops the facts, plain, unmistakable and undisputable that the substitute, the passage of which is recommended by the undersigned, complies strictly with the provisions of said Act of Congress, and that House Bill No. 20, passage of which is recommended by the other members of said Committee is in plain and unmistakable violation of the provisions of said Act of Congress. The substitute Bill, passage of which is recommended by the undersigned, divides the State into three "compact" Districts of "as nearly as practicable" equal numbers of inhabitants, by including in the first District all the territory within the State beginning with Madison county and extending west, containing 174,486 inhabitants; and including in the second District all territory east of the first District and north of Levy, Marion and Volusia counties, containing 175,434 inhabitants, and including in the third District all territory south of the second District, containing 175,945 inhabitants. House Bill No. 20, passage of which is recommended by the other members of the committee creates three Districts, the second and third of which are not "compact territory," and the three Districts contain inhabitants as follows: The first Dis-

trict, 149,997; the second District, 211,384, and the third District, 169,595.

We submit that it will be against the best interests of the State to give to a partisan Congress an opportunity to deprive the State even for a single term of all representation in one House of Congress.

Very respectfully,

N. B. BROWARD,

C. M. JONES,

E. W. RUSSELL,

Members of Joint Committee on Redistricting the State into Congressional Districts.

The following bill accompanied the above report:

A Bill to be Entitled

AN ACT to Redistrict and Divide the State of Florida into Three Congressional Districts.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. That the State of Florida shall be divided into three Congressional Districts, to be known as, respectively, the First Congressional District, the Second Congressional District, and the Third Congressional District.

Sec. 2. The First Congressional District of Florida shall be composed of the counties following, namely: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Franklin, Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison.

Sec. 3. The Second Congressional District of Florida shall be composed of the counties following, namely: Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Columbia, Alachua, Bradford, Baker, Nassau, Duval, Clay, Putnam, St. Johns.

Sec. 4. The Third Congressional District of Florida shall be composed of the counties following, namely: Levy, Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, Lake, Orange, Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk, Osceola, Brevard, Manatee, DeSoto, Lee, Dade, Monroe, Volusia.

Sec. 5. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Mr. Myers moved that the minority report of the Joint Committee on Redistricting the State, and the bill accompanying same, be spread on the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

House Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Section 2053 of the Revised Statutes relative to estrays.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with

the Senate Committee Substitute for the same by the Judiciary Committee with the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Sections 2053 and 2054 of the Revised Statutes relative to estrays.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved the adoption of the substitute for House Bill No. 44.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the substitute for House Bill No. 44 be read a second time

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 44 was read a second time in full.

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 44, together with the original bill; was passed to the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 15, now on the table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, Chapter 4569, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish a Battalion of Naval Militia, to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida, approved June 4, 1897.

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 15 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 15 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 15 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 15 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill—

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crill, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 7th and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 15 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Law moved that House Bill No. 2, now on the table, subject to call, be taken up and considered..

Which was agreed to.

And

House Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 4047 of the Acts of the Legislature of Florida, of 1891, the same being entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Examiners and to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Florida, being Chapter 4047, of the Laws of Florida, approved May 25, A. D. 1891.

Was taken up.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 2 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 2 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that House Bill No. 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing a defense for killing or injuring a dog.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Peacock moved that House Bill No. 174 be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Peacock withdrew the motion.

And House Bill No. 174 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect sheep from dogs, and to provide for the collection of damages by the owner of sheep killed or damaged by dogs from the owner of said dog.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 173 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 130:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of live stock from beasts of prey.

Was taken up.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that House Bill No. 130 be re-committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 130 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 591 of the Re-

vised Statutes of Florida, relating to the issue of bonds by counties.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Adams moved that Senate Bill No. 173 be informally passed, and that it retain its place on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill asked to be excused from attendance to-morrow on account of committee work.

Mr. Crill was excused.

Mr. Crill asked that Mr. Williams be excused from attendance to-morrow on account of committee work.

Mr. Williams was excused.

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "an act prohibiting the granting by municipalities of franchises or rights to use streets for certain purposes for any term exceeding thirty years, or without reserving the right at and after the expiration of such term to purchase property used under such franchise or right," approved June 2, 1897.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Senate Bill No. 174 be indefinitely postponed.

Pending which—

Mr. MacWilliams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 174:

Strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "twenty."

Mr. MacWilliams moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Kirk moved to adjourn until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.